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Dear Professor Waksman:

Thank you for your letter of the 17th, renewing your invitation to visit your department. Last fall, I was looking ahead to a trip I was planning to make to the Communicable Disease Center near Atlanta. At the time, I thought I might take the opportunity to visit along the East Coast. Unfortunately, the pressure of time required a more direct route. I must applopize for not having told you of this sooner.

I would be most pleased to accept your invitation, but would not be able to specify when I could make either a special or a side trip for it. Would it be a sufficient reply to your letter if I promise to keep it in mind, and to give you advance notice of any occasion when I could conveniently make the visit.

Yours sincerely,

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